



FREDERICK J. WEST
Sgt. US Army, entered the service in March, 1941 and was discharged in October, 1945. He fought in two campaigns in the ETO with the 118th Army Engineers and wears the Soldiers Medal, Expert Rifleman Badge, Good Conduct Medal and two stars in the ETO ribbon.



CHARLES E. MAREK
RM 1/c USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Marek, 1308 Portola ave., was in the service more than three years before receiving his discharge January, 1946. He served aboard a transport during his two years in the Pacific.



CORNELIUS J. RYAN
CPHM USN, was retired from the naval service in 1945 after 30 years of active duty. He resides, with his wife Helen, at 1494 W. 218th st.



FRED HICKS
RM 3/c USNR, spent many months in the South Pacific and the Aleutians, where his task force bombarded Paramushiro in the first strike against the Japanese home land. He is the husband of the former Belda Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Briggs, 1643 215th st.



JOHN ASHTON SHIDLER
Second Lt. AAF, son of Mrs. Mina Shidler, 1310 Marina ave., served with the Army Air Corps as an administration officer during the war. Shidler has resumed his position as city judge in Torrance and resides at Hollywood Riviera with his wife, Rosemary DeCamp, and their small daughter, Nona.



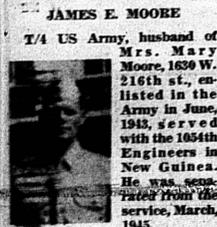
CARROLL J. BENDER
Capt., AAF, enlisted Dec. 8, 1941, and is still in the service of his country. Capt. Bender piloted the famous B-17 "Tarfu" in the ETO and completed 11 missions before the plane had to be retired. At one time he brought his ship in on one engine and during another phase of his career he was issued a new ship for ten consecutive missions, each ship so badly shot up it had to be scrapped upon return to base, but today every man on his crew is alive to tell about it. Among Capt. Bender's numerous awards are the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Medal. Although wounded Capt. Bender never accepted the Purple Heart. He is the son of Mrs. William Hiatt, 21592 S. Berendo ave.



DEXTER C. BRODIE
Pfc. US Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brodie, 1504 Annapola, entered the service before Pearl Harbor and spent nearly three years in the European Theatre of Operations, where he received serious arm and head wounds. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star Medal for bravery during fighting in Italy and Germany. Brodie is currently undergoing a major operation at Letterman general hospital as a result of his wounds. His wife, the former Joyce Olson, of Salt Lake City, is in San Francisco with her husband. She was formerly a sergeant in the Women's Army Corps.



EDWIN E. BROWN JR.
Pfc. US Army, served with Patton's Third Army. Attached to an advanced echelon intelligence unit as interpreter, he holds the Combat Infantry Badge, European Theatre Campaign Ribbon with four battle stars, American Area Ribbon, a Unit Citation and a Good Conduct Medal. Pfc. Brown reenlisted in January, 1946, and is now serving with the Army of occupation in Korea. He is a son of Edwin E. Brown Sr., business manager of the Torrance Herald.



JAMES E. MOORE
T/4 US Army, husband of Mrs. Mary Moore, 1630 W. 216th st., enlisted in the Army in June, 1943, served with the 1054th Engineers in New Guinea. He was sent back from the service, March, 1945.



LESTER H. RILEY
BM 2/c USCG, who resides with his uncle, Chester Codd, at 1406 West 229th st., enlisted in the service July 3, 1941, and was discharged on Oct. 15, 1945. He served in the South Pacific and Aleutian Islands for one year and participated in landings on Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Tarawa and Guam.



LONNIE S. GRAY
CPHM USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Mansker, 1230 Crenshaw Blvd., took part in 26 naval engagements during the war. He has been in the Navy more than six years.



CARL E. LANINGHAM
S 1/c USCG, 22601 S. Vermont, entered the service in Sept. 1942, and was discharged in May, 1944, after having served on beach patrol on the California coast line.



C. WARREN EDWARDS
EM 3/c USNR, entered the service December 10, 1942, and was discharged February 17, 1946. He served aboard the USS Crotin in the Mediterranean and spent 18 months in the Pacific with the USS Franklin when she was hit the first time. Edwards rates three battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon for strikes made by the Franklin. He is the husband of the former Shirley Spurgeon whom he met in Florida where he was stationed for 18 months on a crash boat. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are now living at 2208 Andree ave.



WILLIAM A. DEANE
S/Sgt. AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Deane, formerly of Torrance, served as tail gunner on a B-17 in the ETO and was shot down and held nearly two years by the Germans.



DALE R. HOWE
Corp. AUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Howe, 1308 Annapola ave., served with the medical corps overseas more than two and a half years. He was attached to a station hospital as special service NCO and arranged all types of recreation for patients in North Africa and other areas.



ROBERT H. McGEHEE
GM 3/c USNR, who resides with his wife, Virginia, at 2314 Sonoma ave., entered the service July 28, 1942, and was discharged in June, 1945. He served, during the war years, in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre of war.

AMERICA



Gangway for a bunch of fighting men! Victory was our business — and business was great! The "supermen" figured we were a lot of softies — couldn't take it; had too much of this thing called democracy in us. We showed them that we had what it takes to win and next time they'll know better (if there'll be a next time). But seriously — we're coming home to pick up where we left off — or better still to improve on what we had before. We don't want sympathy or hero worship. All we want is the chance to make good and we know we're going to get that chance in good old U.S.A.

CARRICK  **ERNST**
and
1324 Sartori Ave. Torrance



BERTON F. SCOTT
First Lt., AAF, served with the Air Corps in the European Theatre of Operations for more than three years. A resident of Torrance for many years, Mr. Scott was appointed to the Torrance Aviation Commission last January.



DELMAR F. GILKESON
Flight Officer, USAAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilkeson, Box 75 Rt. 1, Torrance, served in the air force from January 12, 1943 until his discharge March 11, 1946.



THOMAS EVANS
Sgt. US Army; 2008 Andree ave. Entered the service June 27, 1942 and was discharged August 20, 1945 after having served with the Army Combat Engineers.



ROBERT J. MORRIS
S/Sgt. AAF, entered service Feb. 23, 1943; discharged Nov. 8, 1945. Served in 20th Air Force in the Pacific. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Good Conduct Medal; two Distinguished Unit Citations.



DAVID J. WILKES
MoMM 3/c USCG, was separated from service in May, 1946, at the conclusion of 3 years Pacific duty aboard the USS Arthur Middleton, an APA transport. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wilkes, 2717 Carson st.



DONALD C. SHAFSTALL
T/Sgt. AAF, son of Mrs. Fern Shafstall of Lodi, was separated from the service Nov. 15, 1945, after serving since February 29, 1942. He served in the Aleutians as an AACCS radio operator for 23 months. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre ribbon, American Defense ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and American Victory Medal, World War II.



GORDON S. JONES
S/Sgt. US Army Signal Corps; 1742-A Cabrillo ave., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, entered the service July 1, 1942, and served two and one half years in North Africa and Italy with the 5th Army. He participated in four major battles there and received his discharge at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, September 17, 1945.



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